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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the April 15, 2002, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 51 and 52 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

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Please replace claims 1, 3-7 as follows:

B₁ SUB C₁ 1. (Amended) An optical storage medium comprising a polarization-sensitive member having a photo-induced birefringence property, wherein information in a form of at least one light intensity hologram and at least one polarization hologram is multiplexingly stored by the optical storage medium.

B₂ 3. (Amended) The optical storage medium as set forth in claim 1, wherein the polarization-sensitive member comprising at least one element selected from the group